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a profile of candidates' positions on issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender people

2002

GENERAL ELECTION

LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES

with information about :

Governor, Lt. Governor, Congressional State Senate, and State Representative races

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Tuesday, Nov. 5

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GAY & LESBIAN VOTE 2002

PENNSYLVANIA GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE

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Voter Information from PA-GALA General Election 2002

PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR

✔**Edward G. Rendell - D**

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***

★ Has actively campaigned at gay and lesbian events throughout the state - including Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, the Lehigh Valley and Harrisburg.

★ Supports , will call on the legislature to pass and will sign a bill amending the PA Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

★ Will "advocate for and sign" legislation that adds sexual orientation and gender identity to PA's Hate Crimes Law.

★ Will issue an executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in any agency under the jurisdiction of the governor.

★ Supports and will sign legislation to provide for second parent adoptions in PA.

★ Supports extending domestic partnership benefits to all state employees.

★ Spoke from the stage at the LV Pride Festival in 2001.

★★ As Mayor of Philadelphia, led the effort for city council to pass the Life Partnership Legislation that extended domestic partnerships to all residents of the city by prohibiting discrimination based on partnership status, providing for partnership registration and eliminating realty transfer taxes. (1998)

★★ As Mayor of Philadelphia, issued an executive order granting

PENNSYLVANIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Catherine Baker Knoll - D

★ Supports amending the PA Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

★ Supports the Hate Crimes Bills and will publicly call on the legislature to pass the legislation.

★ While running for State Treasurer in 2000 said she would sign a pledge stating "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promotion, or termination of an employee within my office."

Jane Earll - R

⬇ Did not respond to PA-GALA questionnaire.

⬇ Voted against the Kukovich Amendment and against final passage of HB 1493 to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the PA Hate Crimes Law. (2001)

⬇ Voted for the Procedural Vote which would have prevented the Kukovich Amendment from being introduced. (2001)

⬇ Voted against the Gerlach Amendment which would have removed sexual orientation and gender identity from the Kukovich Amendment and replaced them with generic language that would have made the legislation meaningless and unenforceable, because she opposed all hate crimes legislation. (2001)

★ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bills in the Senate Judiciary Committee

- ⬇ Voted for Souder Amend. that would prohibit public schools from developing curriculum to combat anti gay violence (1999).
- ⬇ Voted against the Nadler Amend. that would protect civil rights laws that include sexual orientation (1999).
- ⬇ Voted for the Tiahrt Amend. which prohibits any funds from being used by DC for needle exchange programs. (1999,1998).
- ⬇ Voted for the Largent Amend. which denies couples in DC not related by blood or marriage from adopting a child (1999, 1998).
- ⬇ Voted against restoring $10 million for housing opportunities for PWA's (1999).
- ⬇ Voted for DC Appropriations that prohibited needle exchange, domestic partnership, medical marijuana (1999).

NAME	EQUALITY	MARRIAGE	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE HATE CRIMES	MILITARY	EDUCATION	AIDS
O'Brien	★★	➤	★	★★	★	★	★
Toomey	➤	0	⬇	⬇	0	⬇	⬇

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 16

✔Charles W. Dent - R

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***

- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.
- ★★ Worked within the Republican Caucus to secure passage of an amendment to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the PA Hate Crimes Law (2001).
- ★ Voted for the Kukovich Amend. and for the final passage of HB 1493 to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the PA Hate Crimes Law (2001).
- ★ Voted against the Procedural Vote which would have prevented the Kukovich Amend. from being introduced (2001).
- ★ Voted against the Gerlach Amend. which would have removed sexual orientation and gender identity from the Kukovich Amend. and replaced them with generic language that would have made the legislation meaningless and unenforceable (2001).
- ★★ Co-sponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in previous sessions as a Senator and as a Representative (1995-2000).
- ⬇ Voted to allow state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits (1999).
- ⬇ As a State Representative voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages (1996).
- ★★ Co-sponsored a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payment for PWA'S and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Did not respond: Richard Orloski - D

Nick Sabatine - R

- ★ When running for Congress in 1998 indicated he would co-sponsor ENDA (The Employment Non Discrimination Act).

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ MARRIAGE	HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Boscola	★	➤	0	⬇	★★	⬇	➤
Sabatine	★	0	0	⬇	⬇	⬇	➤

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 24

✔Jim Mazza - D

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***

- ★ Supports and will co-sponsor a bill amending the PA Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- ★★ Supports and will co-sponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.

Did not respond: Ron Wonderling - R

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ MARRIAGE	HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Mazza	★	➤	★	⬇	★	★	★

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 131

✔Pat Browne - R

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***

- ★ Supports the Allentown Human Relations Ordinance and opposes any petition effort to appeal or limit it.
- ★★ One of the leading Republicans in the State House that is working to bring the Hate Crimes Bill to the floor for a vote and has lobbied his colleagues to vote for the bill.
- ★★ Co-sponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill. (HB 1493 & HB 14).
- ★★ Co-sponsor of bill to amend the PA Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation (HB 1887).
- ★ Opposes reporting of names of individuals who test HIV+ to the Department of Health.
- ⬇ Voted to allow state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits (1999).
- ⬇ Voted to prohibit state universities from offering domestic partnership benefits (1999).
- ⬇ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages. (1996).

Did not respond: Peter Schweyer - D

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 133

✔T.J. Rooney - D

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***
★★ Co-sponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill. (HB 14 & HB 748)
★★ Signed discharge petition in an attempt to force the Majority Leader to bring the Hate Crimes Bill to the floor for a vote.
★★ Co-sponsor of bill to amend the PA Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation (HB 1887).
★ Spoke in favor of Hate Crimes legislation at an anti-intolerance rally sponsored by Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Student Union of Northampton Community College.
★ Voted against allowing state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits (1999).
★ Voted against amendment to prohibit state universities from offering domestic partnership benefits (1999).
⬇ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages (1996).

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	MARRIAGE	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Rooney	★★	★	0	➤	★★	★	★

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 134

Did not respond: Douglas G. Reichley - R; J. P. Raynock - D.

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 135

✔Steve Samuelson - D

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***
★★ Co-sponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
⬇ Voted to allow state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits. (1999).
⬇ Voted to prohibit state universities from offering domestic partnership benefits. (1999).

Did not respond: Keith A. Strunk - R.

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	MARRIAGE	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Samuelson	0	0	0	⬇	★	⬇	0

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 136

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 183

✔Michael T. Mullen - D

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***
★★ Supports and will co-sponsor a bill amending the PA Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
★★ Supports and will co-sponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.

Julie Harhart - R

⬇ Told Log Cabin Republicans that she would support Hate Crimes Bill, but withdrew her support and asked that the bill not be brought to the floor for a vote during a Republican Caucus meeting.
⬇ Voted to allow state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits (1999).
⬇ Voted to prohibit state universities from offering domestic partnership benefits (1999).

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	MARRIAGE	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Mullen	★★	★	★	★	★★	★	★
Harhart	0	0	0	⬇	⬇⬇	⬇	0

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 187

Paul Semmel - R

⬇ Voted to allow state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits (1999).
⬇ Voted to prohibit state universities from offering domestic partnership benefits (1999).
⬇ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages (1996).
⬇ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session (1990).
★★ Co-sponsored a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payment for PWA'S and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Did not respond: William G. Zollers -D.

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	MARRIAGE	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Semmel	0	0	0	⬇	⬇	⬇	★

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ENDORSEMENTS - GENERAL ELECTION

GOVERNOR

ED RENDELL

US CONGRESS

1 - Bob Brady - D

2 - Chaka Fattah - D

6 - Dan Wofford - D

7 - Peter Lennon - D

8 - Jim Greenwood - R

11 - Paul Kanjorski - D

13 - Joe Hoeffel - D

14 - Mike Doyle - D

15 - Ed O'Brien - D

STATE SENATE

2 - Tina Targtaglione - D
4 - Allyson Schwartz - D
6 - Robert Tomlinson - R
or
6 - Peter Kostmayer - D
8 - Anthony Williams - D
10 - Joe Conti - R
12 - Stewart Greenleaf - R
14 - Raphael Musto - D
16 - Charles Dent - R
18 - Lisa Boscola - D
20 - Charles Lemmond - R
22 - Robert Mellow - D
24 - Jim Maza - D
26 - Edwin Erickson - R
30 - Robert Jubelirer - R
32 - Richard Kasunic - D
38 - Jim Ferlo - D
42 - Jack Wagner - D
46 - Barry Stout - D

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

1 - Linda Bebko-Jones - D
2 - Gayle Wright - D
3 - Karl Boyes - R
4 - Tom Scrimenti - D
5 - John Evans - R
9 - Chris Sainato - D
14 - Michael Veon - D
16 - Susan Laughlin - D
18 - Scott Blacker - D
19 - Jake Wheatley - D
20 - Don Walko - D
21 - Frank Pistella - D
22 - Michael Diven - D
23 - Dan Frankel - D
24 - Joseph Preston - D
31 - Virginia Schrader - D
33 - Frank Dermody - D
34 - Paul Costa - D
39 - David Levdansky - D
42 - Mike Crossey - D
48 - Timothy Solobay - D
49 - Peter Daley - D
50 - William Deweese - D
51 - Lawrence Roberts - D
52 - James Shaner - D
54 - John Pallone - D
57 - Thomas Tangretti - D
58 - Ted Harhai - D

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

62 - Sarah Steelman - D
71 - Edward Wojnaroski - D
74 - "Bud" George - D
78 - Penny McFadden - D
83 - Steven Cappelli - R
89 - Jeffrey Coy - D
94 - Stanley Saylor - R
95 - Stephen Stetler - D
96 - Michael Sturla - D
100 - Bruce Beardsley - D
103 - Ronald Buxton - D
107 - Robert Belfanti - D
118 - Thomas Tigue - D
119 - John Yudichak - D
120 - Phyllis Mundy - D
122 - Keith McCall - D
126 - Dante Santoni - D
127 - Tom Caltagirone - D
131 - Patrick Browne - R
132 - Jennifer Mann - D
133 - TJ Rooney - D
135 - Steve Samuelson - D
136 - Robert Freeman - D
137 - Richard Grucela - D
141 - Anthony Melio - D
143 - Charles McIlhinney - R
148 - Karen Kaskey - D
149 - Daylin Leach - D
151 - Eugene McGill - R

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

152 - Roy Cornell - R
153 - Susan Liberace - D
154 - Lawrence Curry - D
158 - Chris Ross - R
159 - Thaddeus Kirkland - D
161 - Sara Patrosky - D
164 - Alfred Achert - D
166 - Greg Vitali - D
175 - Marie Lederer - D
177 - John Taylor - R
176 - Joseph Battisto - D
180 - Angel Cruz - D
181 - W. Curtis Thomas - D
182 - Babette Josephs - D
183 - Mike Mullen - D
186 - Harold James - D
188 - James Roebuck - D
190 - Mike Horsey - D
191 - Ronald Waters - D
192 - Louise Bishop - D
193 - Steven Nickol - R
194 - Kathy Manderino - D
195 - Frank Oliver - D
197 - Jewel Williams - D
198 - Rosita Youngblood - D
200 - LeAnna Washington - D
202 - Mark Cohen - D
203 - Dwight Evans - D

Endorsements for State Senator Representative are based on support for inclusive Hate Crimes Legislation which is PA-GALA's current legislative priority. Endorsement does not imply that a candidate is supportive of all lgbt issues.
Endorsement by PA-GALA indicates that a candidate will be the best representative for the lgbt community in that district.

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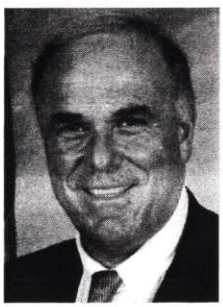
TO DETERMINE YOUR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OR THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE
-CONTACT YOUR COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE

ED RENDELL and MIKE FISHER
On LGBT Issues

** WHO'S ON YOUR SIDE? **

Ed Rendell has always been a staunch advocate for the rights of members of the LGBT community. As Governor, Rendell will fight hard to ensure that all Pennsylvanians are treated equally regardless of sexual orientation. That is why, when it comes to LGBT issues, Ed Rendell is on your side.

Mike Fisher is not.



Ed Rendell

Mike Fisher

"Let me be clear: When I become Governor, there will be no "us" or "them" or "those people." Every Pennsylvania citizen is equal under the law. **I will be Governor for every Pennsylvanian**." - Ed Rendell	**On The Record**	**"The issues she supports such as pro-abortion, and pro-gay rights, are all going to be in one corner. This is not my constituency."** - Mike Fisher remarking on Barbara Hafer's endorsement of Ed Rendell.
As Mayor, Ed Rendell signed an Executive Order guaranteeing Domestic Partner benefits to all Administration employees. As Governor, Ed Rendell will fight to extend benefits to domestic partners throughout the Commonwealth.	**On Domestic Partners' Benefits**	Mike Fisher opposes Domestic Partner benefits. (Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Questionnaire)
Ed Rendell supports extending equal treatment under the law for same-sex couples trying to adopt a child.	**On Same-Sex Adoptions**	Mike Fisher opposes same-sex adoptions.
Ed Rendell supports expanding the hate crime law to include sexual minorities.	**On Hate Crimes**	Fisher believes there is no need to expand the hate crime law to include the LGBT community.
"Ed made sure lesbians and gays were included in his Administration and that they enjoyed the prosperity of Philadelphia as much as everybody. Pennsylvania needs someone with that fresh, progressive outlook to lead us into the next eight years." - Mike Marsico, Liberty City Democratic Club	**What LGBT Leaders are Saying**	"There is strong evidence that a Mike Fisher administration would further divisiveness and intolerance against gays and lesbians." - Steve Black – PA- GALA

Paid for by the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee

RENDELL FOR ALL PENNSYLVANIANS

October 27, 2002

Dear Friend,

Ed Rendell has a 25-year record of fighting for equal rights for gays and lesbians. During his tenure as Mayor of Philadelphia, Ed Rendell was a leader for our community. Some of the positive steps Ed took as Mayor include:

- Enacting an anti-discrimination policy for city contracts
- Supporting equal housing and employment rights
- Signing an Executive Order to provide Domestic Partner benefits

What's more, **Ed Rendell has always been a vocal advocate for our community**.

As Governor, he has pledged to continue to be a strong ally – fighting to expand hate crimes legislation, working to stop housing and employment discrimination statewide. **We now have the opportunity to elect a true friend as the next Governor of Pennsylvania.**

Unlike Ed, his opponent has shown only intolerance and bigotry to the LGBT community. During Mike Fisher's first failed bid for Governor, he openly attacked our community calling for legislation to ban gays and lesbians from St. Patrick's Day Parades. He even ran radio ads calling us a "small and biased band of bigots" who planned to "rewrite our religious and cultural history."

Our choice is clear: Ed Rendell, a man who respects and advocates for our community or his opponent who runs fear-based campaigns at the expense of the LGBT community.

We, the undersigned groups, have met with, gotten to know, and trust Ed Rendell. We need an impressive showing from our community for a man who has consistently been with us and will be a Governor dedicated to fairness and equality. **We strongly urge you to vote for Ed on Tuesday, November 5th.**

Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance
Liberty City Democratic Club
POPEC
Human Rights Campaign
OutFront

Paid for by the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee

✔**Robert Freeman - D**

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***
★★ Co-sponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill. (HB 14 & HB 748).
★★ Signed discharge petition in an attempt to force the Majority Leader to bring the Hate Crimes Bill to the floor for a vote.
★ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
★ Voted against allowing state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits. (1999).
★ Voted against amendment to prohibit state universities from offering domestic partnership benefits. (1999).
★ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill in the previous session. (1990).
★★ Co-sponsored a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payment for PWA'S and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
★ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
➤ Believes that all factors should be considered in custody, adoption, and foster care decisions; however sexual orientation should not be place above any other factors.

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	MARRIAGE	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Freeman	★	➤	0	➤	★★	★	★★

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 137

✔**Richard T. Grucela - D**

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***
★★ Co-sponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill. (HB 14 & HB 748).
★★ Signed discharge petition in an attempt to force the Majority Leader to bring the Hate Crimes Bill to the floor for a vote.
★ Indicated to PA-GALA members that he will vote for Hate Crimes Bills when they reach the House floor.
⬇ Voted to allow state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits. (1999).
⬇ Voted to prohibit state universities from offering domestic partnership benefits. (1999).

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	MARRIAGE	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Grucela	0	0	0	0	★★	⬇	0

VOTER INFORMATION

The Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Political Action (PA-GALA) is a voter education and grassroots lobbying organization. PA-GALA is committed to electing candidates who support equality for gay men and lesbians and who support the fight against AIDS. PA-GALA supports passage of legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, at the federal, state and local levels of government.

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

PA-GALA endorses the candidate who will be the best advocate for the gay and lesbian community in that district. Endorsed candidates are identified by: ✔ Endorsed by PA-GALA.

INFORMATION SOURCES

PA-GALA's primary sources of information are our candidate questionnaires, which we send to all candidates covered by this publication, and the candidate's record if he or she had held office prior to this election. We also obtain information from the mass media.

Due to the nature and complexities of data collection, PA-GALA can not be held responsible for errors or inaccuracies in this information.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The most important thing you can do to make your voice heard is become a "super voter" by voting in every election. As a "super voter" candidates will seek you out to solicit your vote, allowing you a chance to tell them your views.

Please become a member of PA-GALA, and a member of the Rainbow Team. Your contribution will help produce "Gay & Lesbian Vote." To volunteer with PA-GALA, please contact the office nearest you.

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Paid for by PA-GALA Steve Black Treasurer

★★ excellent; ★ good; ➤ neutral; ⬇ poor; ⬇⬇ unacceptable; 0 no basis ✘ RADICAL RIGHT

★★ Co-sponsored a bill to establish a pilot program to continue insurance payment for PWA'S and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Did not respond: Richard Orloski - D

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ MARRIAGE	HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Dent	0	0	0	⬇	★★	⬇	★★

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 18

✔**Lisa Boscola - D**

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***

★ Supports amending the PA Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

★ Voted for the Kukovich Amend. and for the final passage of HB 1493 to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the PA Hate Crimes Law (2001).

★ Voted against the Procedural Vote which would have prevented the Kukovich Amend. from being introduced (2001).

★ Voted against the Gerlach Amend. which would have removed sexual orientation and gender identity from the Kukovich Amend. and replaced them with generic language that would have made the legislation meaningless and unenforceable (2001).

★★ Co-sponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in previous sessions as a Senator and as a Representative (1995-2000).

⬇ Voted to allow state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits (1999).

⬇ As a State Representative voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages (1996).

★★ Spoke in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill at the House Judiciary Committee Hearing, saying she worries about her gay friends and she understands that gays and lesbians live in fear of violence (1995).

⬇ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages. (1996).

Did not respond: Peter Schweyer - D

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ MARRIAGE	HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Browne	★★	0	0	⬇	★★	0	★

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 132

✔**Jennifer Mann - D**

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***

★ Supports the Allentown Human Relations Ordinance and opposes any petition effort to appeal or limit it.

★★ Co-sponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill (HB 14 & HB 748).

★★ Signed discharge petition in an attempt to force the Majority Leader to bring the Hate Crimes Bill to the floor for a vote.

★★ Co-sponsor of bill to amend the PA Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation (HB 1887).

★ Spoke in favor of Hate Crimes Bills from the stage at the Lehigh Valley Pride Festival (2000).

★ Voted against allowing state universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits. (1999).

★ Voted against amendment to prohibit state universities from offering domestic partnership benefits (1999).

★ "I have and will continue to stand up against hate and intolerance and continue advocating for the passage of Hate Crimes legislation (2002).

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ MARRIAGE	HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Mann	★★	★	0	➤	★★	★	★

✔ Endorsed ; ★★ excellent; ★ good; ➤ neutral; ⬇ poor; ⬇⬇ unacceptable; 0 no basis ✘ RADICAL RIGHT

employees of his administration and their domestic partners equal treatment in benefits as married couples. (1996)

★ As Mayor of Philadelphia, appointed openly gay and lesbian individuals to city positions - including the Health Department, Aids Activities Coordinating Office, the police advisory board as well as other positions throughout city government. (1992-2000)

★ After Colorado passed Amendment 2 which prohibited passage or enforcement of civil rights laws that included sexual orientation, Mayor Rendell issued an executive order barring the city from doing business with Colorado. Mayor Rendell also did not attend the US Conference of Mayors in Colorado Springs that year. (1992)

★ As District Attorney, testified before the Philadelphia City Council in support of bill amending the city's Fair Practices Ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. (1982)

Mike Fisher - R

⬇ Did not respond to PA-GALA questionnaire.

⬇ Sent campaign letter to Catholic churches saying Catholics should vote for him because he was against expansion of gay rights.

⬇ In an October 2002 letter to supporters stated, "Marriage has been and must be a union of one man and one woman,for life."

★ Told Log Cabin Republicans that he supports the Hate Crimes Bill .

⬇ After PA State Treasurer Barbara Hafer endorsed Ed Rendell, Fisher made the following statement: "the issues she supports such as pro-abortion and pro-gay rights, are all going in one corner. This is not my constituency."

★ As a State Senator, voted for the Hate Crimes Bill in the Judiciary Committee. (1996)

⬇ As a State Senator, voted for legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA. (1996)

⬇ As a Trustee, opposed Domestic Partnership benefits for University of Pittsburgh employees.

⬇⬇ During 1994 Governor's campaign ran anti gay radio ads focusing on attempts by gays and lesbians to be included in St. Patrick's Day parades in Boston and New York.

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	MARRIAGE	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Rendell	★	★	**0**	**0**	★	★★	★
Fisher	0	0	0	⬇	★	⬇	0

(2000)

⬇ Voted to allow State Universities to ignore local ordinances that require employers to provide domestic partnership benefits. (1999)

NAME	EQUALITY	CUSTODY/ PARENTING	CIVIL UNIONS	MARRIAGE	ANTI-VIOLENCE/ HATE CRIMES	BENEFITS	AIDS
Knoll	★	★	0	0	★	★	★
Earll	0	0	0	0	⬇	⬇	0

U.S. CONGRESS DISTRICT 15

✔Ed O'Brien - D

★★ ***Endorsed by PA-GALA.***

★ Endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign.

★★ Will cosponsor ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act).

★★ Will cosponsor the Federal Hate Crimes Bill. (HR 1342).

★ Supports the Allentown Human Relations Ordinance and opposes any petition efforts to repeal or limit it.

★ Supports partners benefits for health care, hospital visitation and taxes.

★ Supports HIV confidentiality laws.

Pat Toomey - R

⬇ Campaign sent out negative literature saying O'Brien was supported by extremist gay groups like the "Human Rights Campaign".

★ Told the Morning Call "I do not support any petition effort to change the ordinances of the city of Allentown."

★ "I do not discriminate against people who are homosexuals."

⬇ Has not signed on as a cosponsor of ENDA (The Employment Non-Discrimination Act).

⬇ Has not signed on as a cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

★ Issued a written non-discrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.

⬇ Voted against the Conyers Motion that "faith based initiatives" would not be exempt from local civil rights laws. (2001).

⬇ Voted for the Weldon Amendment that would have prevented DC funds from being used for a DP registry and would have disallowed DC city employees from purchasing partners health insurance at their own expense. (2001).

⬇ Voted against an amendment to add sexual orientation and gender to the federal Hate Crimes Law (2000).

✔ Endorsed ; ★★ excellent; ★ good; ➤ neutral; ⬇ poor; ⬇⬇ unacceptable; 0 no basis ✘ RADICAL RIGHT

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